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## ASI puts off action on last year's overspending

By Amanda Keller  
Daily Staff Writer

It was business as usual at Wednesday's ASI board meeting. The crowds that had packed into

### QUICK FACT

• On the table: Should ASI draw \$8,000 out of reserves to pay off debts?

U.U. room 220 during the sports complex debate diminished, leaving only the board and a few attendees. Although the mood was quiet throughout the duration of

the meeting, the issue of ASI's 1996-97 fiscal year-end budget drew board members' concern.

ASI Vice President of Finance Dan Geis handed a copy of all the ASI accounts which were over-spent to the board. He suggested that the members forgive these overdrafts by paying out of the ASI operating surplus fund, decreasing the reserve by \$8,000.

Along with erasing the books of the debts, Geis suggested an addition to the board's action.

"We just want to forgive this, move on, and write a policy so this doesn't happen again," Geis said.

However, not everyone found the issue that simple. After taking an action earlier in the meeting to

inactivate clubs around campus that had overdue paperwork and freezing their funds, some board members saw the action on the table as biased.

"I just think at this time, after just deactivating a list of clubs for not meeting their deadlines, that it would send a really bad message to the student body," board member Diane Martin said.

How to avoid ASI overspending in the future was another issue.

"We should encourage and force our student leaders to be financially responsible," board member Matthew Lardy said.

Another dilemma that became dominant in the conversations was whether certain sections of ASI should be held monetarily responsible for their over-spending.

"For those who have authority over their finances, I'd like to suggest that those (offices) be struck (from the list of forgiven debts)," said Juan Gonzalez, ASI executive director.

Following that statement several ideas and criticisms arose.

"We do pay these guys to run these accounts," board member Chris Makalintal said.

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## Power to make profits

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invests in start-  
up, for-profit  
company**

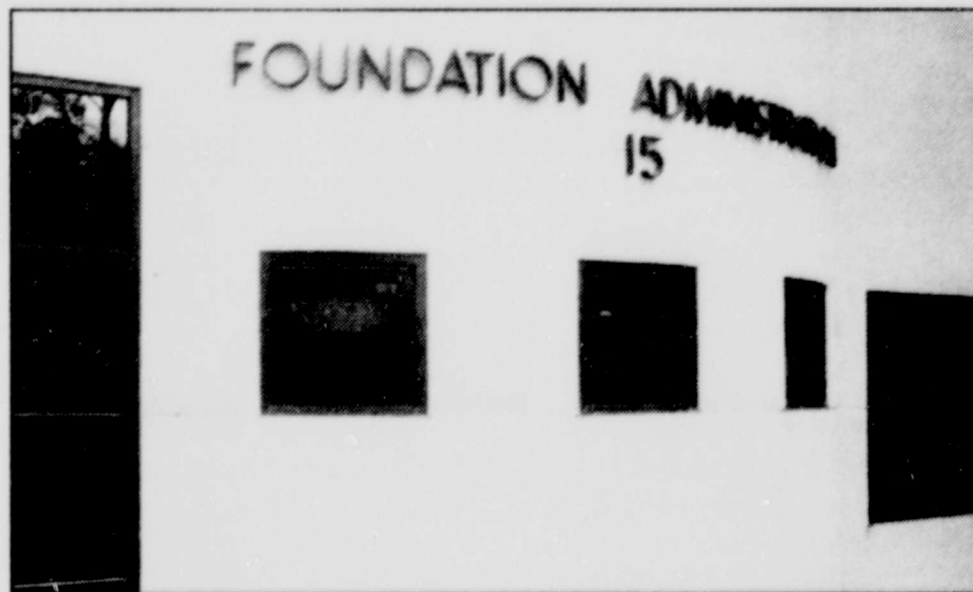
By Michelle Boykin  
Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly Foundation's first for-profit venture is powering up.

PowerHouse Media began about a month ago as an extension of Cal Poly's non-profit Visual Education Productions (VEP) operation.

Both organizations are run by Foundation - the non-profit body that runs commercial operations on campus, such as El Corral Bookstore and Campus Dining. All the net profits help pay for improvements to the school.

For more than 40 years, VEP put out a catalogue to provide educational and instructional materials for high schools, colleges, vocational schools and industry. Its services have been reduced over the years by budget cuts, so one of the reasons Foundation created PowerHouse Media was to help fill in those gaps, and also as a means to serve the outside business community's



Daily photo by Jason Kaltenbach

Foundation lends its support to a multi-media company that employs several students.

multimedia needs.

PowerHouse's services include web page development, CD-ROM production, print media design, video production and marketing services.

"We produce videos for government agencies, and help entrepreneurs put together a complete marketing plan and promotional package. We can put together a simple logo design or develop a CD-ROM brochure," said Rick Smith, director of VEP and PowerHouse Media.

VEP's 48-page, full-color catalogue markets the videos and CD-ROMs it produces or re-sells for

instruction in fields ranging from landscaping to mitosis to horse care. It has also produced a six-part series called "America the Bountiful," about the history of agriculture in the U.S.

Foundation is the first investor in the business and put up the initial capital for it, but cannot run it exclusively because it could hurt Foundation's tax-exempt status, said Robert Griffin, associate executive director of Foundation.

Griffin said eventually there will be other investors for the business, but until then it's run

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## Hotwheelz screech through U.U.



Daily photo by Michael Traxell

Hotwheelz put a scare into the crowd during yesterday's Activity Hour in the U.U. Plaza.

## Reading with elementary schoolers promotes literacy

By Andi Joseph  
Daily Staff Writer

Children are gaining reading skills with the help of students and community. The "America Reads" program, a proposal made by President Clinton, is alive and well at Cal Poly.

America Reads is a literacy program designed to heighten the reading ability of children across the nation. The goal is to make sure every eight-year-old in this country can read a book.

The program was proposed by President Clinton in February and the California State University system sanctioned it almost immediately. Each campus was allowed to choose whether or not to participate.

The localized version of the program is "America Reads at Cal Poly." This program is essentially split into four separate divisions with the same goal in mind.

One division is Financial Aid

Work Study, in which students must qualify for a position as a tutor. A sum of money has been allotted by the government to each CSU campus. Qualified students are hired to go into local elementary schools to tutor.

The second division involves community service. Members of the community, mainly parents of school children, donate their time, are trained in tutoring skills, and go to local schools to read with children.

Also tying into community service is the third division, the University Center for Teacher Education (UCTE). Cal Poly graduate students in the reading specialist credential program go to schools and teach tutoring skills to members of the community who have volunteered.

The fourth division of America Reads at Cal Poly is the Liberal Studies program. In this area,

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# 'Approachable' student works hard to keep morals, goals in check

## In the Spotlight

Jessica Rodas,  
architectural engineering junior

By Michelle Boykin  
Daily Staff Writer

For 21-year-old Jessica Denisse Rodas, her time at Cal Poly has cultivated learning that does not always come from books.

"I've learned time-management and organization, since I'm so busy. But I also learned to value the sacrifice of my parents and my whole family to send me here. I really appreciate all they have done for me," Rodas said.

Rodas, an architectural engineering junior from Fairfield, has attended Cal Poly since fall 1994. Her new-found time-management and organization skills have helped her keep up with a busy schedule. She has been an officer for the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) for two years, last year as sergeant-at-arms and this year as treasurer.

Some of her duties include organizing visits to club meetings by company representatives, tutoring high school and elementary students, and holding study hall twice a week for the SHPE members.

She and her fellow officers also organize an annual trip to a Florida career conference, a Christmas toy drive and a Thanksgiving dance, raising scholarship money for the members. She also plays soccer for SHPE's coed intramural team.

Her family has contributed to her success in school. She said the support she has received from her par-

ents, her brother Erick, 27, and her sister Milly, 25, have made her more determined to complete her goals. Although she is very attached to her parents, she did not get homesick when she came to Poly because she got involved in activities and made many new friends.

Her favorite food is pupusas, a Salvadorian dish she said her mom specializes in, which is a thick, cheese-filled tortilla. She admires her mother for more than her cooking ability.

"Her values and morals are just the way I want mine to be," Rodas said. She always looked to her mom when she was younger to help her distinguish between right and wrong, and continues to turn to her for advice.

Rodas said that as a child she was "hyper and really talkative."

She graduated in 1994 from Justin-Siena High School in Napa, where her favorite extracurricular activities were dancing and drama. She was involved in most of the school productions, especially the musicals. Her two favorites were West Side Story and Grease, in which she played "the oversexed Cha-Cha."

When considering colleges, Rodas looked at other schools like UCSB, St. Mary's and College of Notre Dame. She chose Cal Poly because of its small-town environment and its reputation for having a good architectural engineering program, which she chose as a major



Jessica Denisse Rodas

Age: 21

Major: Architectural Engineering

Year: Senior

Hometown: Napa

Likes: involving herself with SHPE, piano

Favorite food: pupusas

Hang outs: Fresh Choice and Shopping

Favorite music: Salsa and House

because it incorporates art, creativity, design and math.

Her favorite Cal Poly instructors are Harvey Greenwald, whose step-by-step approach to teaching calculus helped her better understand the subject, and Abe Lynn, with whom she has taken three classes.

"You can communicate with him very easily in and out of the class, and he brings lots of enthusiasm to the department. He's very approachable," Rodas said of Lynn.

In her free time, Rodas enjoys a variety of activities. She has played piano for about six years, although she has not had much time to play lately. Her favorite pieces are by Mozart and Chopin. She loves to dance with friends, and said her two favorite kinds of music are salsa and

house. She likes to hang out at Fresh Choice with her roommate Lisa and go shopping with her and another close friend, Marie.

She doesn't have a boyfriend right now, but said an ideal husband is someone who "could lead a family, who loves God, is caring and patient and knows how to respect a lady."

She plans to graduate in June 1999, and wants to live and work in the San Francisco Bay Area to be near her family.

Rodas is happy with her life, but if she could change one thing it would be to have a better relationship with God.

"My mother has always told me to put God first, which I try to do, but it gets really hectic sometimes," she said. "I want to try to spend more

time with Him because He is an important part of my life."

Rodas said her best traits are that she is easily approachable and is always herself. She says her friends trust her and often come to her for advice. She does not get mad easily, but said that she can't stand liars. She also said she is very tough with herself, and gets angry with herself when she does not meet a personal goal.

Rodas said the best way to succeed in college is to strike a good balance between school and fun, and to get involved in campus activities.

"I encourage everyone to find a group you want to be associated with and get involved. A bachelor's degree doesn't mean anything until you know how to be a leader."

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# Campus medical experts give their take on fen-phen

By Jessica Boisselle  
Special to the Daily

Every few months the "perfect weight-loss drug" comes out onto the market, attracting people who wish to lose some weight the easy way.

Not so long ago, many companies in America and Europe claimed to have the "break-through" solution for the overweight called fen-phen. So it came as no surprise when the prescription drug - a combination of fenfluramine and phenetermine - drew so much attention from the those in the U.S. and many European countries who wanted to drop some pounds.

This combination drug came out with a popular bang within the last few years, but was recently taken off the market because the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) found it to be a harmful, in some cases nearly fatal, combination.

The cousin to fen-phen, dexfenfluramine or Redux, released a little over a year ago, has also been proven by the FDA to have similar side effects. According to a September, 1997 "Time" magazine article the FDA had known that Redux could lead to the nearly fatal

lung condition known as primary pulmonary hypertension when the drug was released onto the market. Redux has not been taken off the market.

According to Dr. Andrea Brauner of the Cal Poly Health Center, fen-phen is a combination of an amphetamine that suppressed appetite and an anti-depressant which affected the neurotransmitter in the brain that controls depression. Taken together in one pill, some patients lost an initial 20 pounds, but there were few cases of weight loss greater than that.

In addition to little observable weight loss, the drug became addictive and negative side effects such as nervousness and depression took over in many patients.

One Cal Poly student who took fen-phen and wishes to remain anonymous explained that she experienced irritability and slight depression when taking the drug.

"I did lose 15 to 20 pounds, but there would be days where I would only eat one meal, or sometimes nothing in a day because I wasn't hungry," she said. She only took it for about five months, which she said is normal because doctors were supposed to take their patients off fen-phen after six months.

She also mentioned that while she was taking the drug there was hardly any evidence of problems with fen-phen. Now studies have proved that fen-phen caused problems for many who used it.

"Thirty percent of the people who took (fen-phen) have found evidence on their echocardiograms of damage to their heart valves. A much smaller percentage will have evidence of pulmonary hypertension," Brauner said.

Pulmonary hypertension is high blood pressure in the vessels that bring blood to the lungs. It scars the lungs and interferes with one's ability to oxygenate blood.

Brauner also pointed out that, under normal circumstances, only about one percent of echocardiograms show damage to patients' heart valves.

Health officials based in New York have been testing babies of mothers who took fen-phen. They're trying to find out whether or not the pill caused birth defects, according to Darrell Bennett, a pharmacist at the Cal Poly Health Center.

Although the preceding problems have become evident fairly quickly, long-term effects are still being tested, Bennett said.

The FDA has advised all persons who took fen-phen to get an echocardiogram (EKG), which will determine if there is hypertension in the lungs or if any heart valves have been deformed.

Bennett said he was receiving two to five calls a day with requests for fen-phen when the advertising had first started. Because practitioners at the Health Center had decided against prescribing and selling fen-phen, Bennett had to tell those people that he could not

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—Darrell Bennett  
pharmacist at the Cal Poly  
Health Center



Daily photo by Jason Kaltenbach

Dieters had many varieties of fen-phen to choose from when the drug was still on the market.

provide the combination of drugs, and he explained how dangerous those two drugs together could be.

"I've been a pharmacist for many decades now, and I've noticed that drugs have cycles. About 30 years ago there was a weight loss drug very similar to fen-phen; it was very fatal," Bennett explained.

The September 1997 "Time" article also mentioned drugs that are following a close trend of the fen-phen combination. One that has not yet been approved by the FDA is phen-pro, which combines the phen-terminine with the antidepressant Prozac. Another "diet pill" known as the herbal fen-phen contains a herbal stimulant called ephedra. The article also stated that "at least 38 deaths have been associated with ephedra."

Bennett doesn't think there will ever be a weight-loss drug that will be effective. Instead he believes that individuals need to deal with weight-loss needs by eating properly and exercising.

"The only weight control is calories in equals calories out," he said. "In other words, don't eat more than what your body can burn off while doing work."

The rate of the world's obesity has risen over 37 percent in the last decade, according to an

August 1997 World Health Report. With fast foods and luxuries like cars, people tend to eat more and exercise less. Instead, they often rely on other sources to control their weight, such as Jenny Craig, Weight Watchers or low- and non-fat foods sold in grocery stores.

Relying on such strategies could actually backfire, according to Bennett.

"The key to weight loss and control is within each individual, certainly not the commercial industry with advertisements of low-calorie foods, which one will eat more of and thus nothing is accomplished," he said.

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## Count on numbers

By Nate Pontious

Hold it there killer. Before you lace your beat-up sneakers, grab your Chewbacca mask and some other kid's bag of candy, I have a tale of woe. Like most of you, Halloween makes me think of vampires, which like most of you, causes me to think of the Count on Sesame Street, which brings me to today's topic: numbers.

One of the great things about college is the spontaneity of each day. Rarely do I wake up in the morning and say to myself, "Yes, I think as a matter-of-fact I will end up wandering around aimlessly in the new super-duper 24-hour Vons trying to remember my stupid ATM code so that I can get something to eat."

Now, while I do realize the importance of setting goals—baby steps if you will—forgetting is not one of mine (at least not that I can remember off hand.) And yet there I was, tired, hungry, and having no idea whatsoever as to what my code was.

In fact, I had been wandering around all day trying to remember. A sad commentary on today's college underground? Perhaps. But maybe, yes, just maybe, I am not alone.

This brings us to one of the not-so-great things about college: counting. Well, not so much the counting, but the multitude of numbers that we must remember in order to survive. Let's count together, okay? First, we've got your basic phone number and address, which hopefully you carry in your wallet, just in case. Second, is that pesky social security code that you very well can't do anything at college without. Third, the all-powerful ATM PIN code, which I've briefly touched upon. Also bank account numbers, classroom numbers, bus route numbers, the whole CAPTURE phone registration conspiracy. And what's more, we're getting Utilidor numbers thrown at us left and right: 26 buildings with electricity installed, 34 with heating, 0 with air conditioning, AAAAAAH-HHHH!!!!

Oh how I yearn (yes, yearn) for the days of Sesame Street when three stood for three talking whales not for three more years of orange fences. When Cookie Monster counted to all the way to ten, he got some cookies; it was that simple.

Nevertheless, there I was in the super-duper 24-hour Vons, in a similar predicament to Cookie Monster's. If I could only bring myself to remember, I too, could get some money, and eventually, as many cookies as I wanted. The thing that really hurt was the fact that the little camera in the AUTOMATIC teller machine was recording my every twitch, and somehow, somewhere the REAL tellers were laughing at me.

So, let this be a reminder to us all. The next time you walk into your local bank and the tellers begin to snicker, may this always remind us of our crutch dependence on numbers, or at least of whatever our ATM number is.

**Nate Pontious is currently in between banks.**

# Halloween to Christine

By Christine Spane

Halloween is a strange holiday. People dress up in disguises and get scared.

Maybe that's why some Baby Boomers like me tend to avoid Halloween costume parties. For me it brings back vivid memories of those lost years in the sixties and seventies when I dressed weird and spent a lot of time being scared. When I wear a costume, I tend to become that persona, at least for a little while.

The best costume I ever had as a kid was my Hoppalong Cassidy outfit. Hoppalong Cassidy was the bravest cowboy who ever rode across my flickering black and white TV screen in the 1950s. No bad guy could ever leave town without dealing with Hoppie.

I started practicing my Hoppie impersonation sometime in August of 1953. I'd put on my black shirt and pants, strap on my Fanner 50 cap shooter and strut up and down the street waiting for trouble to hit town.

Hoppie always wore black and rode a beautiful white horse. Oh, how I wanted that horse in my backyard and how I wanted to be just like Hoppie.

When I wore that outfit I felt like I could do anything. I could save the damsel in distress and bring the bank robbers to justice. I felt powerful. It was the last time I was to feel empowered for a long time.

When I was eight years old my mother informed me that I was a girl and should stop playing cowboy and become involved in girl activities. She also expected me to dress as a girl and to wear a Halloween costume that would identify my gender. I know now that this craziness was the result of an argument she had had with my grandmother over my new short haircut.

I was an only child and had spent the past summer at my grandmother's farm. Because I had no playmates, I learned to amuse myself. I climbed trees, learned to shoot a BB gun and built a great tunnel under the chicken coop which caused the

building to collapse a few years later.

The only unpleasantness during the summer was caused by the case of head lice I got from playing under the chicken coop. The cure was definitely worse than the condition.

Grandmother cut my braids off and brushed what was left with a mixture of kerosene and lye soap. I remember my scalp stinging like crazy, but most of all I remember the Old Gold unfiltered cigarette clenched between her teeth and a sick feeling that I might become a human torch.

I'm sure this is the reason my parents thought it would be a great idea if I dressed as a fairy princess on Halloween. The fairy princess brainstorm was clearly my Mom's idea. I know this now because over the years she has proven herself to be a genius at practicality.

Since I'd recently been a flower girl in a wedding, I already had something close to a costume. She reasoned that all I needed was a magic wand. A straightened wire coat hanger wrapped in aluminum foil would complete the outfit.

I was crushed. It was bad enough to be expected to do girl things like play with dolls instead of climb trees. Now I could only be a boy in my private fantasies. My one night of public fantasy was being trashed.

I talked her into letting me wear a witch costume which wasn't as good as Frankenstein but was a lot creepier than a dumb fairy princess. I also reasoned that it was better to be a witch than to stay home alone while the rest of my friends stuffed loot in their pillow cases.

As a witch I disappointed myself. In those days witches were supposed to look scary. I just looked like a little girl who had

gone to the local Woolworth's store for a ready-made nylon costume, some green face make-up and a black wig.

After that, dressing up was never the same and before long I passed on the Tootsie Rolls and candied apples and stayed home on Halloween.

I saved my desire to dress weird for the more exciting days of my early twenties. Some of those occasions became historic like Woodstock and concerts at the infamous Fillmore in San Francisco. More often I expressed myself through my appearance while protesting America's tragic involvement in Vietnam.

That was a lot scarier than Halloween.

**Christine Spane is a journalism senior.**



## Beware of Mustang Village

### Editor,

I am writing in regards to the article in the Mustang Daily "Complaints crop up about living at Mustang Village." I am a current resident at Mustang Village and I have had my problems too. Just this past weekend, I returned home from taking care of some personal business around town to find the door to my apartment open and the lights on. I found one of the employees of Mustang Village in my bathroom checking the conditions for the move-out procedure of a former roommate. They are allowed to do

this, however what disturbed me was that I was not given any notice, not even 24-hour notice, of the need to enter the premises. Without knowing someone was in the apartment, I felt violated finding someone in the place I call home. As many may know, finding out that someone has been in your home in this situation is very disturbing. Giving 24-hours notice is written into the lease contract, so entering into the apartment is a breach of contract. This is something I did not take very lightly. I spoke to the lady who I found in the apartment

and I told her that it was a situation of breach of contract. She did say that she was sorry, but I felt that I had to inform the management as well, so I wrote a letter to the management. They should have read the letter on Monday morning, but I have not received any comment or official apology from them to date. I have heard of other situations where the management of Mustang Village has not been a credited agent in the leasing process. These situations have ranged from late pay back or excess of reduction of the deposit from natural wear and

tear to the habitation of insects to charging the tenants for the removal. I hope in the future, Mustang Village apartments can be fair in situations of this nature, or the people who move in are as well informed about this topic as I am. I would thing again before leasing from Mustang Village and I hope the readers of Mustang Daily remember these violations before they choose to live here as well.

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The idea for PowerHouse began about a year ago, and the business plan was approved last summer. It was the first outside investment Foundation considered, putting in \$250,000.

By making PowerHouse a separate entity, Foundation's liability is limited, Griffin said.

"It is similar to taking that amount of money and buying stock in Microsoft, but we will become members in a limited liability company," Griffin said of Foundation's investment.

Griffin said VEP is likely to become a client of PowerHouse. In the past, if VEP received a request for an instructional piece it didn't have, it would contract out to the faculty or the private sector to create it. Now, PowerHouse can do that for VEP.

"This is a real opportunity if we are able to keep up with the technology, and structure it to protect the university and Foundation. We just have to be selective, and keep the risks commensurate with the likely profits," Griffin said.

The profits Foundation receives for its investment will be used at the Board of Directors' discretion, but mainly used to add to President Baker's discretionary fund, Griffin said.

Smith said PowerHouse's plan of growth lies in its marketing target: large businesses and associa-

tions would benefit from its multimedia services.

"We have to market ourselves well. We're not about résumés and wedding videos. This is a hot area, but has lots of competition," Smith said.

PowerHouse has about 12 people on staff, five of whom are students. The students are part of the design staff and the video production department. The "web master" and receptionist are also students.

"We are always looking for talented web designers. We'll have more opportunities for students as we grow," Smith said.

Dan Harrelson is a graphic communications senior employed at PowerHouse. He worked at VEP for three years and said he enjoys working at PowerHouse because he has access to so much state-of-the-art equipment.

Harrelson, as an assistant administrator, is involved in web and other multimedia design, and assists in setting up equipment and maintaining the 20 networked machines.

He said he feels that working at PowerHouse is a great opportunity because he is working with clients and deadlines.

"I'm getting great hands-on experience without leaving San Luis Obispo, and I'm actually doing what I wish to do after I graduate," Harrelson said.

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undergraduate students can take a course in community-based field experience in which America Reads is a part. In the course, LS 230, students are taught necessary skills and they are assigned to work with children at local schools.

Jim Bailey, liberal studies junior, is involved with the program through the course.

"There are some kids in enrichment programs, who are having a really hard time, but then there are some kids who aren't quite at the level [they should be], but aren't quite poor enough to be in enrichment programs," Bailey said. "So that's where we, in this program, step in and bring them up just through experience and exposure to reading."

Since the program is so young, those involved in the program have yet to determine if it is actually achieving its goal. But liberal studies lecturer Judy Gish said it all depends on how one views success.

"Do we have interest and do we have volunteers and people wanting to and going out in the pure sense of the goal? To get out there in those classrooms and read to those young students? Absolutely. We're doing it," Gish said.

The UCTE division of America Reads at Cal Poly is currently overseeing the training of 18 community volunteers this quarter. Once graduate students train them, they will be working with third graders

at Vineyard Elementary School.

School districts can call the department and ask to be a part of the program.

Gish, who is helping direct the program along with lecturer Lisbeth Ceasar, said they have received several phone calls.

"We can handle schools calling because we have the tutor training," Gish said. "We can send our graduate students to the school to train the community volunteers."

In the liberal studies division, Gish said they have 60 undergraduate students involved. The courses the students go through are divided into levels one, two and three. But because the program is so new, level two, LS X330, and level three have yet to be completely defined.

"We definitely have ideas and we know where we want it to go," Gish said. "But it's just not in place as of yet."

Gish said there is a lot of incentive for undergraduates to become part of this program.

"They get credit. But 80 percent of liberal studies students want to become elementary teachers, so they get professional experience too," she said.

Although the UCTE and the liberal studies divisions are separate from each other, they both involve students and work towards the original goal of America Reads.

"What is really happening here is we have two concurrent America Reads, a very effective one and one that's still being defined," Gish

said. "But we have one for our undergraduate students and one for our graduate students."

Bailey said that through the LS 230 course and the program, he was assigned to work with a first-grade class at Bishop's Peak Elementary School.

"I have a list of students who are under where (the teacher) would like them to be," he said. "I bring them back, read with them, and just spend time with them."

Bailey said the children seem to appreciate the general idea of a college student reading and speaking with them.

"You're not the teacher and you're not one of them, you're this in-between. You're an interface," he said. "Sometimes they'll ask, 'Do you go to college?' And I'll say 'Yeah, I read books in college too,' and they get excited. They have somebody of college age and it's like a big brother or sister program."

Bailey said he believes the program is effective for the children and also beneficial for the college students involved.

"These children need help with reading and if they can get an older brother or sister who is going to stop, a college-aged student who is going to stop and say, 'This is fun, this is an important thing to me,' I think it's really going to stick with them," he said. "And for students, it should stick with them to actually spend time with a child reading, because it's an opportunity many of us probably don't take in our busy schedules."



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# Suit over videotaped spray in protesters' eyes Au pair jurors continue deliberations, ask question about medical testimony

By Bob Egelko  
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A dramatic videotape released Thursday shows officers dabbing pepper spray into the eyes of four female anti-logging protesters, then spraying one of them with it during a sit-in at a congressman's office.

The tape, played for reporters at a news conference announcing a lawsuit, showed protesters sitting around a tree stump, screaming as deputies pulled back their heads, opened their eyes and applied the burning substance to their eyelids with cotton swabs.

After repeated demands that the women release each other, an officer is shown squirting the spray into a protester's eyes at close range.

The suit said the tape was made by police on Oct. 16 at the Eureka offices of Rep. Frank Riggs, R-Calif. A second tape also played for reporters showed similar events in the lobby of Pacific Lumber Co. headquarters in nearby Scotia on Sept. 25.

In both cases, demonstrators linked hands inside metal sleeves and refused to let go until after the liquid was applied. The tape shows that the women were not chained together.

"It was like burning under your skin ... the worst pain I've ever felt," Maya Portugal, 16, of Eureka, told reporters.

At one point in the tape, a demonstrator pleads with officers to stop torturing her and a deputy replies, "We're not torturing you any more."

Macon Cowles, a lawyer for the demonstrators, likened the tactics to fire hoses used on civil rights protesters in the South.

"Now we've gotten more sophisticated and really more terrible, using chemical

agents," he said.

The U.S. District Court suit said officers violated standard police practices as well as guidelines from the National Law Enforcement Policy Center for use of pepper spray. Those guidelines specify that the substance should not be discharged into the eyes at distances less than two feet, should not be used on people in restraints and should not be used as punishment, the suit said.

The suit seeks damages for pain and suffering, punitive damages and a court order forbidding the use of liquid pepper spray by Humboldt sheriffs and Eureka police on "peaceful, non-violent protesters who pose no threat to the safety of any person."

Sheriff Dennis Lewis said pepper spray was the safest way to disperse the protesters.

"What we're trying to do is deal with the situation with a minimum of force and a minimum of hazard," Lewis told the Times-Standard of Eureka.

Lewis added that deputies did not want to use grinders to cut through the metal sleeves linking the protesters.

"And the hazard we are avoiding by doing this is using the metal grinders, which in and of themselves are a high level of potential injury to someone," he said.

Beau Phillips, a spokesman for Riggs, said in a telephone interview from Riggs' Washington, D.C., offices that neither he nor Riggs were in the office at the time.

"I can't answer any questions on police procedures," Phillips said. "They come up with their own procedures, obviously."

But he said the protesters "terrorized and assaulted two female employees of the congressman, vandalized the office and trespassed on federal property."

He said Riggs' workers "were in fear for their lives" when the protesters entered.

"The police issued repeated orders for them to leave. The 60 protesters outside were expressing their 1st Amendment rights. The four protesters inside were breaking the law," Phillips said.

Eureka Police Chief Arnie Millsap said he had not seen the video, but indicated that his officers did not use force.

"I'm not going to lose a whole lot of sleep about who is suing me," Millsap said. "We've got burglaries, robberies and rapes going on."

The suit comes in the wake of the Berkeley City council's refusal on Tuesday night to ban or limit police use of pepper spray.

Use of the substance has been challenged in several cities after deaths of criminal suspects. Police say pepper spray lets them subdue violent suspects without lethal force, but critics, including the American Civil Liberties Union, say it is ineffective and can be dangerous.

The suit was filed on behalf of nine demonstrators who were protesting Pacific Lumber's plans to log old-growth forests and a proposed federal settlement, including public purchase of part of the Headwaters Forest, that the demonstrators considered inadequate.

They said they brought the tree stump to Riggs' office as a symbol of protest.

Lawyers said the demonstrators were charged with trespassing and, except for two juveniles among them, were jailed for four days before being arraigned.

Mark Harris, another lawyer in the case, said he obtained the videotapes from the sheriff's office during pretrial exchanges of evidence in the criminal case.

By Bill Porter  
Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — The jury in the trial of an English au pair charged with murdering a baby deliberated for a second day without a verdict Wednesday and asked for a transcript of key medical testimony.

Prosecutors contend 19-year-old Louise Woodward shook 8-month old Matthew Eappen to death on Feb. 4 and slammed his head against a hard surface out of frustration with the fussy infant and a job that hampered her social life.

Medical experts testified for the defense that Matthew died from an injury caused at least three weeks earlier.

The nine women and three men on the jury asked to see parts of the testimony from Dr. Joseph Russell Madsen, a pediatric neurosurgeon

who operated on the baby when he arrived at the hospital.

Specifically, jurors wanted to hear what the doctor said about fluid found in the baby's skull during emergency surgery at the hospital.

At issue was the color of the fluid Madsen described.

During his testimony, Madsen described a jelly-like blood clot that squirted out of the baby's brain and landed on the operating room floor. At one point, he called the clot red in color. But on cross-examination, he said some of it was clear.

Medical experts testifying for the defense said clear liquid would indicate an old injury.

Judge Hiller Zobel agreed to allow portions of the testimony to be read to the jury when it returns to court Thursday.

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### SCHEDULE

#### TODAY

• Men's Soccer vs. Brigham Young University in Mustang Stadium at 7 p.m.

#### TOMORROW

• Football vs. Liberty in Lynchburg, Virginia at 10:30 a.m.  
• Volleyball vs. University of the Pacific in Stockton at 7 p.m.

• Cross Country Big West Conference Championships in Fullerton

• Men's Tennis at Fall ITA Rolex Tournament in Irvine

#### SUNDAY

• Men's Soccer vs. St. Mary's College in Mustang Stadium at 5:30 p.m.

## Football fights Liberty in pursuit of playoffs

By Jeoffery Varner  
Daily Staff Writer

Three pairs of cleats, the customary green and gold uniform, and no tights.

Cal Poly head football coach Larry Welsh told his team that they will not be allowed to wear tights or long sleeved shirts underneath their uniforms during this Saturday's game against the Liberty Flames in Lynchburg, Virginia.

"I don't want them to think that we are intimidated by the cold weather, the artificial turf or anything that might affect the game," Welsh said.

The Mustangs, 7-0, are now ranked No. 20 among all Division I-AA schools after defeating previously 16th-ranked Northern Iowa Saturday in front of a record crowd at Mustang Stadium. For the second week in a row they are facing yet another nationally ranked opponent in the ninth-ranked Liberty Flames, who currently have a 6-1 record.

"This game could mean a lot to us as far as the playoffs are concerned," said linebacker coach Payam Sadaat. "A win this Saturday should get us a national ranking that will be high enough to secure us a spot."

This game could also dictate the hopes of a future playoff birth for the Flames, who are riding high after spoiling Charleston Southern's homecoming plans with a 48-14 victory over them in Charleston, South Carolina.

"It will be a very interesting game because we are both fighting for a spot in the playoffs," Sam Rutigliano, Liberty head coach, said. "They are a very talented team who have managed to stay undefeated up to this point, but we match up well against them, so its going to be a battle until the end."

The Mustang offense, ranked first in the nation in scoring in Division I-AA, will be facing a Liberty defense that is ranked eighth in the nation for fewest points allowed per game.

The Liberty defense is led by All-American senior defensive tackle Rodney Degrate, who has 18 sacks on the season and needs just one more sack to become the single season all-time sack leader in Division I-AA history.



Daily file photo by Joe Johnston

Senior runningback Antonio Warren will lead the undefeated Mustangs against No. 9 Liberty.

Degrate will have his hands full on Saturday trying to stop the Mustangs' two-back attack. Both Mustang running backs, Antonio Warren and Craig Young, are closing in on 1,000 yards rushing this season. With four games left, Warren needs just 283 yards, while Young needs 356 to reach the mark.

"I'm going to try and reach the 1,000 mark against the Flames this Saturday," Warren said. "They can't stop me."

The highly regarded Flame defense might also have problems trying to stop Mustang senior quarterback Alli Abrew, who after last week's performance against Northern Iowa is ranked No. 1 in the

nation in passing efficiency. This season, Abrew has completed 77 of 107 passes for 1,184 yards and 14 touchdowns.

The Flames offense is lead by pre-season All-American quarterback Ben Anderson. The six-foot, five-inch senior has completed 92 of 165 passes this season for 1,632 yards and 10 touchdowns. His main targets have been wide receivers Robert Bultz and Courtney Freeman, who each have 20 catches this season and 8 touchdowns between the two of them.

"I'm not worried about them," Terrell Jones, junior defensive back, said. "We are going to go out there and show those Virginia boys how we do it in California."

## MUSTANG MANIA



Eight senior women's soccer players say goodbye in their last home match Sunday. The men's soccer team takes on Brigham Young on Halloween. And Lori Fancon leads the men's and women's cross country teams at the Big West Championship this weekend.

